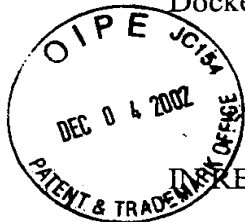


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FOR: NUCLEIC ACID-BOUND POLYPEPTIDE METHOD OF PRODUCING NUCLEIC  
ACID-BOUND POLYPEPTIDE AND IMMUNOASSAY USING THE  
POLYPEPTIDE

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of June 4, 2002, in the above-identified application,  
reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

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E* --25. (Twice Amended) An agglutination immunoassay for assaying an antigen,  
comprising a polypeptide, wherein said immunoassay comprises: